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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Marc Mezard
Riccardo Zecchina

Serial No.: 10/606,275

Filed: June 25, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS USING
CONSTRAINED DISCRETE
VARIABLES

Group Art Unit: 2876

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: CHEP:008US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Please consider the following amendments prior to examination of the above-captioned application. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-1212/CHEP:008US/DDB. Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard as evidence of receipt of this document.

Please amend this application as follows:



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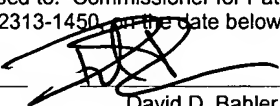
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RE: *SN 10/606,275 "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS
USING CONSTRAINED DISCRETE VARIABLES" - Mezard and Zecchina*

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

1. A Preliminary Amendment; and
2. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,



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